

# Robinson Creek Trail #854a



A steep climb through Aspen Forest  
Photo by A. William Paonia R.D.

The Robinson Creek Trail #854a is maintained to give direct access from the Little Robinson Trailhead to Elk Basin.

The trail is accessed by first traveling the Little Robinson trail #850 to the Kaufman Creek trail #852 then turning onto the Peter Creek trail #856. The Robinson Creek Trail #854a is accessed 0.15 miles up the Peter Creek Trail. It climbs in a southerly direction through riparian, aspen and conifer until it reaches Elk Basin deep within the West Elk Wilderness.

Deer, elk and other wildlife as well as domestic cattle may be seen along the way.

In Elk Basin, trails lead out toward Haystack Mountain, Soap Basin and the headwaters of Little Robinson Creek.

These trails help form two loops which will take the hiker or equestrian back to the Little Robinson Trailhead.

Don't forget your camera!



## Trail Ethics:

The Robinson Creek Trail is maintained for foot and horse. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create new trails.



## Motors & Machines:

Motorized vehicles and Bicycles are not allowed on the Robinson Creek Trail or in Wilderness areas.



## Drinking Water:

**DO NOT** drink water directly from a river or stream. Water needs to be treated first by either filtering, boiling for at least 10 minutes or treated with iodine tablets.



## Multiple use:

As you use this area you may notice that the Forest is managed for a broad range of uses. Recreation use alone includes hiking, horseback riding, hunting, and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Livestock grazing is a form of land management you may encounter while using this area. The livestock grazing on this area is managed under a very progressive and specific manner. The fences and gates that you may see are critical to managing the livestock and meeting the resource objectives that are planned for this area. Please close all gates that you open as you travel through the area. Controlling the livestock in the manner that we have planned is important.



**Be prepared for inclement weather at all times.**

**Familiarize yourself with the area.**



**Please don't litter!**

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Length 2.5 Miles



Water crossing on the Trail  
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**Trail Beginning::** Little Robinson Trail #850.

**Trail Ending::** Elk Basin Trail #854.

**Access #1:** Via Coal Creek Road, Forest Service Road #709 to the Little Robinson Trailhead.

**Access #2:** Via the Elk Basin Trail #854.

**Use:** Foot and Horse

**Recommended Seasons:**

Spring Summer Fall Winter

**USGS quad maps:** West Beckwith Mountain & Big Soap Park

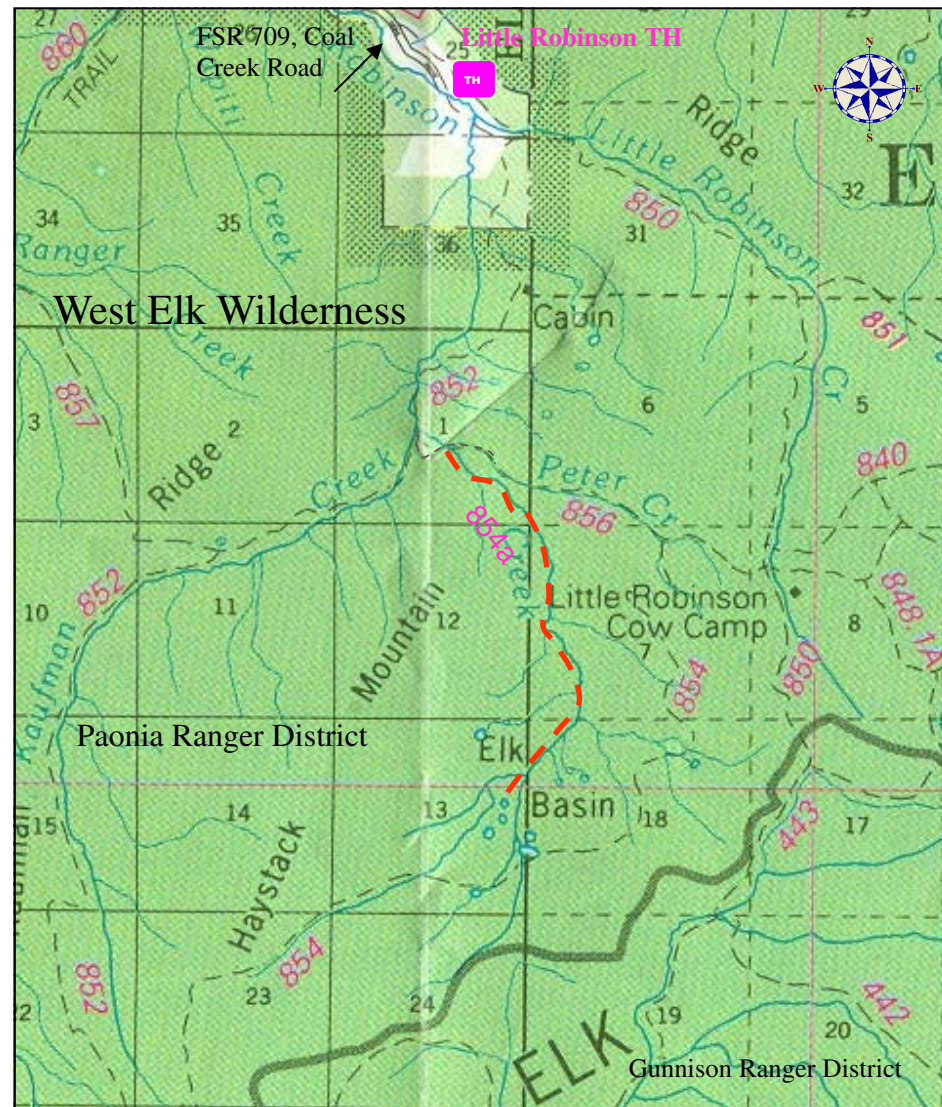
### Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest. Recreation maps are available at all local Forest Service offices and personnel can answer questions on specific sites. Camping in undeveloped areas require more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. If you pack it in-Pack it out!

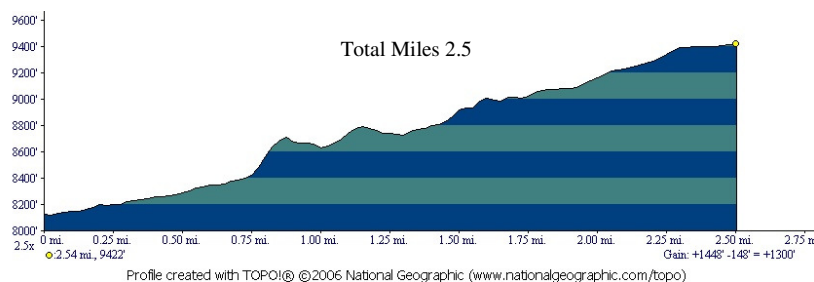


### Fire Safety:

Check in with your local Forest Service office to see if fire bans are in effect.



### Elevation Profile



- Principles of Leave No Trace:**
1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
  2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
  3. Dispose of Waste Properly
  4. Leave What You Find
  5. Minimize Campfire Impacts